

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1754

Application No.: 10/568,505

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For: PURIFICATION CATALYST FOR EXHAUST GAS, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, AND PURIFICATION CATALYST DEVICE FOR EXHAUST GAS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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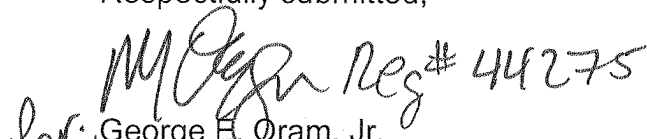
Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated September 11, 2007. The period for response is extended one month, from October 11, 2007, to November 11, 2007, with payment of the appropriate fees. The Applicants hereby elect Group II directed to Claims 6 – 8, drawn to a method of producing a catalyst. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group II, Claims 6 – 8 on the merits.

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